

Pine Street Parent Council Meeting

May 1st, 2018

The regular meeting of Pine Street Parent Council was duly called and held on May 1, 2018 in the Library of Pine Street Elementary located at 133 Pine Street in Sherwood Park, Alberta. Quorum was present.

In Attendance:

Executive: Shanna Eveleigh* (Chair), Krystal Grichen* (Secretary), Pam Briton* (Treasurer), Lesley Bowman (Secretary)

Administration: Jeff Huculak (Principal), Shelby Hines (Assistant Principal), Kerri Remeika (Teacher Representative), Lorna Magnan (Teacher Representative)

Parents: Deanna Bellamy, Trina Loucraft, Cara Kern, Lorena Ellsworth

Special Guests:

Absent with Regrets: Trina Boymook, Board Trustee

*Denotes partial attendance.

1. Vice Chair Krystal Grichen calls to order at 6:30 pm
2. Treaty Six Introductions – Krystal Grichen
3. Introductions – Skipped.
4. Additions to agenda:
 - i. No.
5. Approval of April Minutes
MOTION: Cara Kern motions to accept February minutes, Deanna Bellamy seconds.
IN FAVOUR: 6
NON-VOTING: 3
CARRIED
6. Trustee Report - Jeff Huculak for Trina Boymook
 - a. Minister has decided to keep the 2.4km service limit in place for the 2018/19 school while he does further consultation with parents and Boards. The survey went out April 20 and parents have until June 15 to complete the survey. The survey can be found on EIPS website.
 - b. At the April 19 Board meeting the Board approved amendments to Policies 7 Board Operations. Amendments provided clarity around the types of delegations to the board and process. Policy 16 recruitment and Selection of Personnel and Policy 17 Student Transportation Services amendments addressed housekeeping items. In response to Bill 24 [An Act to Support Gay-Straight Alliances](#) the Board

approved amendments to Board Policy 19 Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning and Working Environment.

- c. At the Board's April 26 Board meeting the Board approved the budget assumptions, budget allocations and administrative fees for the 2018/19 school year. The Budget approved the use of \$1.6M from unallocated reserves to cover the projected shortfall in the budget for the upcoming year. The Board also approved the use of \$1.59M from allocated reserves. These dollars are coming from the following allocated reserve funds
 - i. Leveraging Student Achievement Fund
 - ii. Election Fund
 - iii. School Buildings Fund
 - iv. Central Projects Fund
 - v. System Project Funds
 - vi. Allocations to schools have been decreased by 1% (\$936,496). \$573,000 of that amount will be invested into central supports to schools. It will support four additional consultants in the areas of literacy and numeracy, curriculum and assessment to support schools. As well it will support an increase of .3FTE to School Health and Wellness staff to support schools and addition of an assistant director position in Learning Technologies.
- d. At the April 26 Board meeting the Board also approved a number of administrative fees. Administrative Fees include Student Transportation, Facility Services, Supports for Students Fees, Supports for Students – Partners 4 Science Fee and Alberta Non-Resident and International Fees. Most notable of the fees that were approved is a 5% increase to all student transportation fees. Due to the rising cost of busing and the decrease in the number of eligible funded students, a 5% increase to all fees is required to balance the transportation budget, as well as, the need to eliminate the early payment discount. A new student transportation fee has also been introduced for those students who require a seat on an alternate bus route to accommodate varying pickup and drop off locations. Currently, 730 students are accessing busing to an alternate address for child care, extra-curricular activities, or a secondary residence. Since these students are not consistently picked up and dropped off at the same/home address, it is typically requires a second seat to be held for the student on another bus. As per the regulation, funding is provided to only one address and is defined as to and from the home residence and designated school. A Supplemental Bus Fee has been approved by the Board to begin at the start of the new school year. It will be charged on a per student basis. There is no family rate discount available for those that need a supplemental bus to accommodate alternate address pickup/drop-off. Those families that fall under the family rate the supplemental bus fee will be charged in addition to the family rate at a per student charge.
 - i. Questions?

- ii. No.
- 7. Administration Report
 - a. Welcome & Introductions
 - b. Kudos
 - i. Thank you to Parent Council for their efforts with Hot Lunch – Booster Juice on April 20.
 - c. EIPS Parent Survey Results – EIPS Parent Survey was open from March 5 – 23. The Board of Trustees will review the results. I will then share the results with staff and then we will post them on our website on May 4. In June, I will review the results with Parent Council. Overall I think the results were okay. I would have like to have seen better results in some of the categories, because I do think we do a lot of terrific things for kids and I believe we have had a great year at Pine Street. Feel free to look at the results yourself after May 4. I welcome your input. We will discuss in June.
 - d. District Programs – PALS (Play and Learn at School) PALS Program – On April 19 we had staff from the PALS program visit Pine Street school. Shelby and I had a chance to meet staff and we gave them a tour of our school. They were impressed with the building. It was good first meeting and we look forward to having the PALS program at our school next year. As we mentioned to the PALS staff, we believe it will provide terrific opportunities for professional dialogue. (Current PALS sites in Sherwood Park are: Glen Allan, Brentwood and Millshaven.
 - e. Budget/Enrolment – All principals received their school budget on Friday, April 27. We are still working through the numbers and will be making decisions in the best needs of kids – as always.
 - f. There has not been too much change in our enrolment. We are still sitting around 300 students. We have lost a few students and gained a few students as well.
 - g. As of April 4, our numbers for next year (not including PALS) are:
 - 1. Kindergarten = 41
 - 2. Grade 1 = 32
 - 3. Grade 2 = 37
 - 4. Grade 3 = 50
 - 5. Grade 4 = 50
 - 6. Grade 5 = 47
 - 7. Grade 6 = 46
 - ii. Current Projected Enrollment (Based on Numbers that we have registered) = 303
 - iii. This does not include the PALS classes. I am anticipating we will probably have 6 PALS classes.

iv. Possible Grade Configuration for 2018-19 School Year

Grade/Class	Class Size
K	21
K	20
1	22
1/2	23 (10/13)
2	24
3	25
3	25
4	25
4	25
5	24
5	23
6	23
6	23
Total # Students	303
PALS	(Expect around 60)

h. Questions?

i. No.

i. Staffing Update – Teachers in our district continue to apply for positions. I will be letting Classified staff know if they will have a position at Pine Street or not shortly. Classified staff who are declared surplus will need to apply for a position at other schools. Positions for Classified staff will begin shortly.

i. As I stated at our March School Council meeting, we have a very dedicated, professional and caring staff. They work hard and do many terrific things for our kids.

j. School Fees & Field Trips

i. In April, I shared with you that teachers were still working on fees and booking field trips for next year. Teachers considered the results from the Fees *Survey* that parents completed. Teachers worked hard to get the “best bang for our buck” while providing students with high quality field trips.

ii. We plan to have swimming once again. This will be a separate fee.

iii. Here are our fees for next year. (See attached sheet).

1. Lunch fees will stay the same. \$100/child per year. Our kindergarten students will also pay lunch fees. \$50 per year. This was not charged in the past. Family Rate is \$100 /child/year. Each additional child after 2 is \$50 each.

2. The school will be purchasing agendas for next year. There will be no cost.
- k. Library Redesign
 - i. All of our furniture is here and in place. Our kids and staff love it. Thank you to Parent Council for your work with the Math-a-thon. We were able to raise a lot of money and I believe this is a space we should all be proud of.
 - ii. There are still things that need to be addressed with the space and we will continue to look at this as we move forward.
 - l. Questions?
 - i. No.
8. Teacher Report – Kerri Remeika
 - a. Thank you for the hard work on the Library Re-Design
 - b. Volunteer Lunch is tomorrow.
 - c. Grade 6 PAT are upcoming and the letter went home with students.
 - d. Questions?
 - i. No.
 9. Chair Report – Lesley Bowman
 - a. ASCA Conference & AGM
 - i. Thank you for allowing me to be your representative at this important advocacy event.
 - ii. Thank you to Trina and the EIPS Board for again sponsoring representatives' attendance.
 - iii. Wonderful experience to meet and talk with other School Council members.
 - iv. The theme for the year was 'student success and wellbeing in the school community'
 - v. I attended three Breakout sessions:
 1. School Council Purpose
 2. Truth and Reconciliation Update
 3. Anxiety Disorders in School Children
 - vi. Dr. Lynn Miller's presentation on Anxiety in School Children was fantastic and prompted me to go to the final session, which was a deeper dive into that subject.
 - vii. The opportunity to hear Minister Eggen speak and respond to questions was very interesting.
 - viii. I enjoyed the opportunity to see, from the parent's perspective, the range of issues and challenges facing students in Alberta, a province of wide geographical, social, and economic diversity. It was enlightening to hear in person from parents.
 - ix. A major take-away for me was that we are so very lucky to be in EIPS. We are truly at the leading edge of school council work in the province, and I would argue, the country.

- x. We have tremendous support from our Superintendent Ligouri, Trustees, COSC, and amongst members of school councils in the Division.
- xi. I will briefly discuss the resolutions and the results.
 - 1. P18-01 – Provincial Standard for Criminal Record Checks
 - a. Carried with amendment to every three years.
 - 2. P18-02 – Cumulative CEU Cap per High School Student
 - a. Carried with amendment to a ‘cumulative cap of 150’.
 - 3. P-18-03A – Supports for Learning Success of all Students: Early Screening
 - a. Carried
 - 4. P-18-03B - Supports for Learning Success of all Students: Enhanced Teacher Training
 - a. Carried
 - 5. P-18-03C - Supports for Learning Success of all Students: Class Size and Composition
 - a. Carried
 - 6. P-18-04 – Religion and Sexual Content within Student-Led Clubs
 - a. Failed
 - 7. P-18-05 – PRISM ATA Toolkit and Provincial Curriculum Development
 - a. Carried
 - 8. P-18-06 – Ensuring Healthy Food at Schools for our Children and Youth
 - a. Failed

b. Questions/Comments?

i. No.

10. Next Meeting is June 5, 2018

11. Adjourned by Vice Chair Krystal Grichen at 7:21 pm.

12. The next regular meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 5, 2018, with all other meeting dates being the same as the Parent Society.

13. These minutes are respectfully submitted by:

Lesley Bowman

Adopted by Council in the meeting of: June 5, 2018

Chair, Shanna Eveleigh